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Caprioli, Richard Michael	Brentwood	TN	US	

US-CL-CURRENT: 250/288

ABSTRACT:

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PGPUB-DOCUMENT-NUMBER: 20020195558

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Aug 17, 2004

US-PAT-NO: 6776094

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6776094 B1

TITLE: Kit For Microcontact Printing

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INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
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Kumar; Amit	Milpitas	CA		

US-CL-CURRENT: 101/327; 101/368, 101/379, 101/382.1, 118/264, 156/345.1, 156/384,
156/390

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28 Claims, 55 Drawing figures
Exemplary Claim Number: 1

Number of Drawing Sheets: 13

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Mar 16, 2004

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NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
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Caprioli; Richard Michael	Brentwood	TN		

US-CL-CURRENT: 250/288; 422/100, 422/63, 435/30, 436/180, 73/864, 73/864.81

ABSTRACT:

A method for selectively depositing analysis-enhancing fluid on a sample surface is disclosed. The method involves providing a sample having a surface that exhibits variations in a surface characteristic that corresponds to desirability for receiving an analysis-enhancing fluid. Once a site on the sample surface is selected according to the surface characteristic at the site, focused radiation, typically acoustic radiation, is applied in a manner effective to eject a droplet of the analysis-enhancing fluid from a reservoir. As a result, the droplet is deposited on the sample surface at the selected site. Optionally, the sample at the selected site is analyzed. Systems for selectively depositing analysis-enhancing fluids are also disclosed.

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Jan 30, 2001

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TITLE: Microcontact printing on surfaces and derivative articles

DATE-ISSUED: January 30, 2001

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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Jackman; Rebecca J.	Boston	MA		
Kim; Enoch	Boston	MA		
Prentiss; Mara G.	Cambridge	MA		
Mrksich; Milan	Chicago	IL		
Kumar; Amit	MilPitas	CA		
Gorman; Christopher B.	Raleigh	NC		
Biebuyck; Hans	Thalwil			CH
Berggren; Karl K.	Cambridge	MA		

US-CL-CURRENT: 428/411.1; 101/368, 101/378; 101/379, 257/E21.575, 428/195.1

ABSTRACT:

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TITLE: Microfluidic system including a virtual wall fluid interface port for interfacing fluids with the microfluidic system

PUBLICATION-DATE: May 13, 2004

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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US-CL-CURRENT: 422/100; 436/518

ABSTRACT:

A fluid interface port in a microfluidic system and a method of forming the fluid interface port is provided. The fluid interface port comprises an opening formed in the side wall of a microchannel sized and dimensioned to form a virtual wall when the microchannel is filled with a first liquid. The fluid interface port is utilized to perform a labeling operation on a sample.

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DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 20040020518 A1

TITLE: Methods for transferring supercritical fluids in microelectronic and other industrial processes

PUBLICATION-DATE: February 5, 2004

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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Gross, Stephen M.	Chapel Hill	NC	US	
Wagner, Mark I.	Raleigh	NC	US	

US-CL-CURRENT: 134/30; 134/36, 134/37, 134/42, 134/902, 257/E21.228, 427/372.2

ABSTRACT:

A method of displacing a supercritical fluid from a pressure vessel (e.g., in a microelectronic manufacturing process), comprises the steps of: providing an enclosed pressure vessel containing a first supercritical fluid (said supercritical fluid preferably comprising carbon dioxide); adding a second fluid (typically also a supercritical fluid) to said vessel, with said second fluid being added at a pressure greater than the pressure of the first supercritical fluid, and with said second fluid having a density less than that of the first supercritical fluid; forming an interface between the first supercritical fluid and the second fluid; and displacing at least a portion of the first supercritical fluid from the vessel with the pressure of the second, preferably fluid while maintaining the interface therebetween.

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DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 20030015425 A1

TITLE: Microfluidic system including a virtual wall fluid interface port for interfacing fluids with the microfluidic system

PUBLICATION-DATE: January 23, 2003

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US-CL-CURRENT: 204/453; 204/604, 422/100, 422/129, 422/188, 422/189, 436/180

ABSTRACT:

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A fluid interface port in a microfluidic system and a method of forming the fluid interface port is provided. The fluid interface port comprises an opening formed in the side wall of a microchannel sized and dimensioned to form a virtual wall when the microchannel is filled with a first liquid. The fluid interface port is utilized to fill the microchannel with a first liquid, to introduce a second liquid into the first liquid and to eject fluid from the microchannel.

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This invention provides microfabricated systems for extraction of desired particles from a sample stream containing desired and undesired particles. The sample stream is placed in laminar flow contact with an extraction stream under conditions in which inertial effects are negligible. The contact between the two streams is maintained for a sufficient period of time to allow differential transport of the desired particles from the sample stream into the extraction stream. In a preferred embodiment the differential transport mechanism is diffusion. The extraction system of this invention coupled to a microfabricated diffusion-based mixing device and/or sensing means allows picoliter quantities of fluid to be processed or analyzed on devices no larger than silicon wafers. Such diffusion-based mixing or sensing devices are preferably channel cell systems for detecting the presence and/or measuring the quantity of analyte particles in a sample stream.

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